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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile non-voice message from an originating source to a receiving handheld device;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving handheld device; and,

providing said determined local information to said originating source, said originating source deciding whether to send said mobile non-voice message or terminate said mobile non-voice message based upon said determined local information, wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said mobile non-voice message is a text message.

4. (Previously Presented) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

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initiating a mobile non-voice message between an originating source and a receiving handheld device;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device; and

processing said mobile non-voice message based on said received local information, wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said mobile non-voice message is a text message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to 4, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile non-voice message to said receiving handheld device, sending said mobile non-voice message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile non-voice message.

8. (Previously Presented) A system for providing location-based recipient information comprising:

a wireless service provider for providing wireless telephony services to a network of handheld devices;

a time source for electronically reporting information local to each of said handheld devices; and,

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a notification system configured to provide local information acquired from said time source in response to an attempt to send a mobile non-voice message from an originating source to a handheld device in said network, said notification system being further configured to provide said local information prior to sending said mobile non-voice message, said notification system being yet further configured to delay sending said mobile non-voice message until a decision to affirmatively send said mobile non-voice message is made at said originating source based on said provided local information, wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located.

9. (Previously Presented) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile non-voice message from an originating source to a receiving handheld device;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving handheld device; and,

providing said determined local information to said originating source, said originating source deciding whether to send said mobile non-voice message or terminate said mobile non-voice message based upon said determined local information wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 9, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

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11. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 10, wherein said mobile non-voice message is a text message.

12. (Previously Presented) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

initiating a mobile non-voice message between an originating source and a receiving handheld device;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device; and

processing said mobile non-voice message based on said received local information wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said mobile non-voice message is a text message.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to 12, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile non-voice message to said receiving handheld device,

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sending said mobile non-voice message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile non-voice message.

16. (Previously Presented) A method for providing call recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to establish a telephone call between an originating call source and a receiving handheld device;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving handheld device; and

providing said determined local information to said originating call source, said originating call source deciding whether to complete said telephone call or terminate said telephone call based upon said determined local information, wherein the local information includes a time and at least one of a date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time and at least two of a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time, a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

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when the originating call source decides to terminate said telephone call, deferring said telephone call, which results in automatically placing the call at an appropriate time as defined by the originating call source.

20. (New) The method of claim 16, the local information includes a location where said receiving device is located.